April 22, 1925.

Mr. Hardy R. Collier,
Goldthwaite, Texas.
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Dear Gardy;

Your letter of April 16th. reached me very promptly. We have forwarded you, by parcel post, Durward's photo and within a few days will send you one of Jessie, my unmarried daughter.

I note what you say regarding cotton conditions. I would like for you to write me, by return mail, if it is still dry in Texas. The news papers say it is very dry all over the State. Our country will finish cotton planting this week and we are ending up easily three weeks earlier than last year, but it is very dry here now. We have had paretically no rain here for three or four weeks. I look for a very hard season on cotton and I likewise look for a very wet June which means enormous quantities of boll weevil, as we have had no cold weather in the South Eastern States this winter.

I note the arrival of a new daughter, Jewell this is a nice name, and I am requesting Marshall Field & Co. of Chicago, to send her a little present as a token of the very high regard that she is held by the Georgia Colliers.

It is my intention to get out to Texas during the reunion at Dallas, but at any rate I am coming, you can just bet on that. Durward will have to go back to New York again about the middle of May and I may have to go with him, but I will get out of it if I can, as I have lived in New York as much that I don't like to go to the big cities any more if there is any way to get around it.

I had 1150 acres of cotton on my farm last year that cost $42,000 to make the crop, but I am cutting out my big farm, have only 22 plows left, had 86 plows last year. We cannot grow cotton profitably in Georgia at 25¢ per lb. and the average on my crop was about 23½¢, besides labor is very scarce. Just drop me a half dozen lines, by return mail, telling me the condition of the weather as it now is in your section.

Very Sincerely,

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